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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DES VUEX ROAD CL.
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HONGKONG, 18th December, 1901.

MODERN colonies are apparently becoming an expensive luxury which only the richest of countries can afford to have. In ancient times, when a population found its numbers pressing on the means of subsistence, it did not hesitate under some energetic leader to collect and send forth a swarm to settle down in some new and unoccupied land, or, if that were wanting, to take possession of some choice spot already occupied by a less warlike people. After the usual farewells were bid, the new people went out on their own account for good or ill, and their affairs ceased to occupy the attention of the stay-at-homes. As they generally took with them images of the home gods, and could not, even if they wished, divest themselves of their language and folk-lore, there was always kept up on the part of the colonists a certain feeling of sympathy with the home lands; but this seldom resulted in their permitting any interference in the affairs of the new settlement, or in the colony affording any aid beyond empty sympathy to the old country; nor, on its part, did the old country ever even contemplate offering any assistance to its children who had once left the paternal soil. This was the usual method adopted by the great colonisers of antiquity—the Greeks, and the result was that many centuries before our era they had established on both sides of the Mediterranean independent colonies, each one of which was strong enough to act on its own initiative, and control more or less effectively the neighbouring territories. When in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries the Spaniards and Portuguese, then the most enterprising navigators of the world, conceived the idea of spreading themselves abroad through the world, a somewhat different principle was introduced. The expeditions were fitted out at the cost of the state or of private individuals in the first instance, but the leader as a paid servant was to return

the profits to the individual or association that had found the means. The natural result of this system was that voyages thus commenced degenerated to merely piratical undertakings; and the wealth that was poured into the homelands was wrung out of the vitals of the countries exploited. As in the words of the old poet, "Big fleas have little fleas upon their backs to bite 'em," the Dutch and English found it a readier means to profit, while at the same time eating in the nominal interests of humanity, to plunder these plundering expeditions in their turn. The plunder thus taken was not, however, returned to the original owners, but was appropriated by the new captors. The result was, therefore, that both England and Holland found it convenient and profitable in much the same manner as the old Greeks to found more permanent settlements, which could co-operate with their merchant fleets and afford supplies and assistance when needed. It was thus that "plantations" were by degrees established along the coasts of North America and South Africa, the former of which became by degrees more especially English, the latter Dutch. These plantations were in some respects as independent of the home governments as were the Greeks themselves. They owed little to the home folk; every man for the most part had found his way out at his own cost; the home government, with the exception of sending out a governor who had little power or authority, and one or two law officials to keep things straight, really cared little how the planters managed their own affairs. It is true they jealously protected the colony from foreign foes, but this was done in the imperial interest and not in any way to benefit the planters, who as often as not little relished the interference. The relations between the mother country and the colony were settled in no definite way, but depended very much on the temper of the moment, sometimes one, sometimes the other advancing pretensions which were never adjusted. One class of settlers was, however, an exception to the rule that all had come of their own free will. The home governments were in the habit of sending out their criminals to the plantations. These were handed over under bond to the planters, who had to provide for them, but were entitled to their labour. A condition of slavery of the worst type thus sprung up; only too glad to get rid of their criminals, no questions were asked at home, nor were the colonial governments too inquisitive in looking after the welfare of the unfortunates. But even worse consequences followed; men were captured at home, taken on board the small ships that conducted the trade, and on arrival in the colony were openly sold. Such were the colonies of France, England, and Holland in the eighteenth century. The natural consequence was disaffection, and this rose to a climax when England sought to tax her North American colonies for the support of a war in which they had no interest. Every one knows the result. With the loss of her principal colonies, England practically grew indifferent to the rest. They might stop, or they might part, it was all one. Naturally, less care than ever was taken of them. As they were quite free, nothing was to be spent except in as far as they offered some advantage to the empire: Cooling stations, docks, barracks, &c. had of course to be paid for, but the colony was left in all other respects to do as best it could without aid or encouragement. When, however, in spite of all this apparent neglect, other countries began to discover that the British colonies were becoming an important political factor in the world, a general desire to be the happy possessors of colonies became prevalent. England was the greater because she possessed colonies, and the conclusion of the others was that if they only had colonies they would be great too. England had found that colonies were a thing of slow growth, but the idea of growing them in a hothouse presented itself, and it was determined to try the effect. England had been laying the foundation of colonies in Africa, and they had only as yet taken a precarious growth, so Germany wished to try her new idea, and see what she could do by process of forcing. The end of this was curious, for it compelled England to take up a line she had never done before. The first colony to try the new system on was Uganda. In the course of time Uganda would probably have got round the corner, but Germany kept pressing her in East Africa, and showed so much disposition to occupy Uganda, that to avoid more unpleasantness England had to follow in the course, and not only take over the dependency as a crown asset, but, to preserve her right of way, had to begin to develop it, by making a state railway. As far as the colony itself is concerned, the experiment has been a success; as far as England is concerned, it can hardly be called so as yet, and it is doubtful if as a mercantile transaction it ever will become so. But, like all new fashions, the example has been contagious, and a curious instance is to be noted in the newest colony of Germany, Kiaochau. Hongkong was founded indeed by the British Government for imperial purposes,

but it cannot be said it was ever coddled. Indeed, the distinguishing feature of its connection with the British Government is that not only has that government at all times since our foundation left as to pay our own colonial expenses, but it has done its best in one way or other to put on the screw and compel us to pay imperial expenses as well. In spite of all this, the most noteworthy fact about the colony is that it has amidst all these burdens, reasonable or unreasonable, contrived to grow and prosper, and that its great engineering works in the way of harbour improvements, wharves, piers, and docks, though abundantly made use of for imperial purposes, have all been paid out of the revenue of the colony, as a colony. Shanghai has never been a colony and of course never received any share of government assistance; indeed, as a matter of fact it has more than once been made to comprehend that it was after all nothing better than a step-child, and could expect nothing more than step-child's treatment. Still, as in the case of Hongkong, Shanghai continued to grow, and now presumes to hold up its head as one of the great cities of the world. If now we turn to Kiaochau, a curious contrast meets us in the treatment of this petted child. Thus, during the last year, a paternal government spent on this spoiled offspring a sum of over half a million sterling, of which the colony contributed just fifteen thousand. So far from being deterred by this account, the government of the Empire is going to increase the prodigal's allowance. This year it is to be £830,000 sterling, while the colony is only expected to stump up the trifling of £18,000, or less than three per cent. It is an interesting subject of enquiry. Where would Hongkong have been had it found an equally liberal nursing father? Would it now have been the first port in the East, or would it rather have continued as it began, a pensionary and drain on the home state?

The U. S. monitor *Monadnock* left for Canton yesterday morning.

A Chinaman fell down between the *s.s. Malacca* and the side of the wharf at Kowloon on Monday night and was drowned.

The dwelling-house at 101, Wanchai Road was yesterday afternoon completely destroyed by fire. The Fire Brigade and two Naval Brigades turned out and prevented the spread of the flames.

The ship made in the Tanjong Pagar Wharf at Singapore by the *Arratoon*, which arrived here yesterday, measured 45 by 60 feet. The stevedores damaged belonged to the oldest part of the wharf. If the *Arratoon* had been looking for a soft spot to run into, a Singapore paper says, she could not have made a more judicious selection.

This afternoon at 4.15 p.m. on the Happy Valley the Hongkong Football Club will play "C" Co., R.W.F. The following will play for the Club—C. T. Kew, goal; W. G. Worcester and W. H. Russell, back; I. V. Bennett, J. W. C. Bannan, and S. L. Jenkins, halves; Capt. W. S. Moberly, H. K. R. N. H. Rutherford, J. Van der Ploeg, R. Kerr, and A. B. Lowe, forwards.

It was reported yesterday by the police that a destructive fire had occurred the previous evening at the village of Ap Lin, Cheung-tai-hau. The outbreak originated in the kitchen of a mud-bid and spread rapidly, in all about 70 mud-bids and two stone houses being destroyed. The Fire Brigade turned out. The damage is estimated at \$3,000, and is not covered by insurance.

Mr. Thomas T. Patterson, private secretary to Mr. Sixto Lopez, arrived in Hongkong yesterday accompanied by Mr. Fiske Warren and the two Misses Lopez on the *Yacanta* from Manila. It transpires that Mr. Patterson's action against the U.S. authorities in the Supreme Court at Manila has proved unsuccessful; hence his deportation from the Philippines.

At the Magistracy yesterday William Haylock (20), R.M.L.L., H.M.S. *Aurora*, was convicted of having caused a disturbance in a shop in Queen's Road Central and of assaulting P.C. Hedge who apprehended him. On the first charge he was sentenced to pay a fine of \$3 with the alternative of 7 days' hard labour; on the second \$20 with the option of one month's hard labour, the sentences to be consecutive.

As announced in another column, the Catholic Union will hold a grand bazaar of toys on Sunday next, the 22nd instant, in the room of the Orphanage, Gleesley, from 3 to 8 p.m. The proceeds of the bazaar will be devoted, as was the case last year, to providing Christmas tree entertainments and treats to about 500 children and 100 old people. The price of a ticket of admission for adults is 50 cents; this entitles the holder to a Christmas present; for children the price is only 10 cents. The object of the bazaar is very praiseworthy and fully deserves the support of the public. The result of last year's sale was very gratifying and was the means of providing a Christmas tree, and a special dinner to a few hundred of orphans and poor of this colony, still leaving a credit balance of \$218.67, as shown by the statement issued by the Committee.

It is reported from Paris that M. Christian, Secretary-General of the Prefecture, is appointed Administrator of Indo-China.

Mr. J. C. E. Douglas, appointed by the home Government to the post of Registrar of the Supreme Court at Shanghai, has arrived there. Mr. Douglas comes from Bulawayo.

The ex-Company Sergeant-Major of the Royal Engineers, Frederick G. Hanson, who is charged with bigamy, was further remanded at the Police Court yesterday. No evidence was led.

The gunboats on the West River service are now to be reinforced by H.M.S. *Moorken*, which has been fitted together in Hongkong and is now complete. Her speed on trial was 13½ knots, while her draught is no more than 2½ ft. 3 in.

According to a Peking despatch, Prince Ching, while in Kaifeng, strongly advised the Empress Dowager to sanction the establishment of a national lottery at Peking. Her Majesty acceded to the request and the Prince now proposes to appoint Hsi Liang and Li Yu-sen to be the managers of the enterprise.

The first plague case since the close of the epidemic this year is reported in the return for the week ended the 14th inst. The victim was a Portuguese sister in the Italian Convent. We very much regret to state that there was a fatal termination to the case. The only other instance of communicable disease in the Colony was one of enteric fever on the *s.s. Achilles*, imported from Foochow.

It is now reported in mandarin circles at Shanghai that the disinherited Prince Chun has been sent to join his father Prince Tuan in Mongolia, under the charge of a couple of eunuchs of middle age, who were previously attached to the palace of Prince Tuan, and had followed Prince Chun into the Imperial Palace when he was appointed heir-apparent in January last. By special permission, it is also reported, of the Empress Dowager, the disinherited heir-apparent was permitted to take away with him anything he liked from amongst his belongings in the Palace.

An Imperial Decree, of which we have already received telegraphic information, was issued from Kaifeng on the 11th inst., under instruction of the Empress Dowager, commanding that as Sheng Hsun-hui, Director of the Imperial Clan Court, distinguished himself in assisting in the recent negotiations of peace and in protecting the Southern and Eastern provinces, and as Sir Robert Hart, Inspector General of the Imperial Maritime Customs, also distinguished himself in assisting in the peace negotiations, each of them be granted the brevet title of Junior Guardian of the Heir-Apparent.

The telegram which we printed on Tuesday from our Tientsin correspondent, says the *N.C. Daily News*, gave the erroneous impression that there had been a fight between German soldiers and British troops at Tientsin. The facts are, as given in the *Ostasiatische Lloyd's* telegram, that there was only one sepooy concerned in the affair. He ran amok, and after killing two of his comrades, entered the German Camp and tried to kill all whom he met. He killed an assistant officer, wounded two soldiers fatally and one slightly, and was then shot down by the sentry, who was too late to save all of his comrades. Incidents like this, which are fortunately rare, cannot but make European troops unused to ways of Orientals a little shy of being encamped in close proximity to men who may be subject to these outbreaks.

News received from native official sources concerning the insurrection at Chaoyang, outside Shanhaikwan, bordering Lower Manchuria, report that the T'sai and the Hsiao, the Boxers now number considerably over 30,000 well-armed men against whom General Ma's troops, sent from Peking, numbering only 5,000 old men, are perfectly powerless. It is feared, the *N.C. Daily News* says, that unless the Government troops be considerably augmented and more energy shown in suppressing the insurgents, these people will create considerable trouble in Chihli province this winter and the following spring. The appointment of Viceroy Yuan Shikai to Chihli where he may reasonably be expected to use the same stern measures in his new jurisdiction as had been put into force last year in Shantung will doubtless strike the necessary terror in the hearts of the Chaoyang insurgents to make them disperse and turn peaceful farmers once more.

The Annual Installation Meeting of the Perseverance Lodge of Hongkong, No. 1165 E.C., was held on Monday evening, the 16th inst., when Bro. W. H. Wickham was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony was most impressively performed by the R. W. District Grand Master, the Hon. C. P. Chater, C.M.G., assisted by the Deputy District Grand Master, Wor. Bro. E. C. Ray, and the Officers of the District Grand Lodge. Wor. Bro. Wickham invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:—I.P.M., Wor. Bro. T. F. Hough; S.W., Bro. A. W. Bowley; J.W., Bro. E. H. Hinds; Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. A. J. Dexter; Treasurer, Bro. A. E. Lowe; Secretary, Bro. W. A. Sims; S.D., Bro. C. A. D. Malbourne; J.D., Bro. E. H. Sharp; D.C., Bro. T. M. Wakefield; Organist, Bro. A. G. Ward; I.G., Bro. F. G. Metton; Stewards, Bro. E. A. Bonner and J. J. O'Neill; and Tyler, Bro. J. Marshall. His Excellency R. W. Bro. Sir Henry A. Blake, G.C.M.G., Past District Grand Master of Jamaica, honoured the Lodge with his presence, and was received by the W.M. and Brethren with the honours due to his distinguished rank. After the Lodge was closed, the Brethren sat down to a banquet, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The *Kobe Chronicle* states that the proposed extension of the Formosan camphor monopoly to Japan is apparently to take form.

It is announced that, in view of the proposed visit of an Australian cricket team to England in 1902, the Associated Cricket Club of Philadelphia will probably abandon the projected tour of a Philadelphia team in England next year.

The 11th inst., being the 1st day of the Chinese moon, was selected as the day on which the Foreign Customs were to take over the native *lekin* stations at Shanghai. The Customs officers were placed in charge of a station at Woosung and of another above Shanghai.

The foreign Ministers at Seoul met on the 5th inst. to consider the following subjects, which were referred to them by the Korean Government:—1. To prohibit the building of houses by foreign subjects on the heights in the vicinity of the royal palaces. 2. To prohibit the mining of nickel coins by foreign subjects. No resolutions have as yet, however, been made public.

A St. Petersburg despatch, quoted in the *Osaka Mainichi*, states that the leading newspapers of Great Britain and Russia take great interest in the movements of Marquis Ito; and record his doings with the utmost regularity. It is understood by their tone that each believes the existence of an understanding between Japan and their own country. The Russian Foreign Minister, at the order of the Tsar, met the Marquis at Warsaw on his arrival, and appointed three officials to be in attendance on the Japanese statesman.

The arrest warrant which has during the last week or two fluttered at the mast head of the *s.s. Norwegian* steamer *Skrattstad* has now been removed, and operations for her salvage have been commenced by the Dock Company. The amount to be paid for raising her is said to be \$35,000. Airing out of the triple collision which caused the vessel to founder several actions are presently pending, but very probably these will be consolidated when they are actually brought, before the Court, so that one hearing may serve for all.

The following appointments have been made at the Admiralty:—Lieutenants: The Hon. R. A. R. Plunkett, to the *Rinaldo*, to date Nov. 26; Dr. H. Carmichael (1st), J. C. Cole-Hamilton, and H. B. Redwell, to the *Matine*, to date Nov. 28. Sub-Lieutenant J. D. Ellaby, to the *Rinaldo* (N.), to date Nov. 26. Lieutenants: B. Hampshire (1st), C. P. Bigg Withers (N.), S. W. B. Green, to the *Fearless*, to date Nov. 26; E. G. W. Davidson (1st), and H. F. Siddons, to the *Vestal*, to date Nov. 28. Lieutenant G. P. Hewitt, to the *Vestal* (N.), to date Nov. 28.

The Viceroy of India held a grand *darbar* at Mandalay on the 28th ult. and delivered a speech on the work to be done on the North-East Frontier by the British race. On the following day Lord Curzon had an interview with the Buddhist monks. The scene was most picturesque. Lord Curzon discussed their petition, replying to the various requests, and ending by asking them to elect their Archbishop unanimously. On the 30th ult. the party left Mandalay for Gokhok, the Viceroy crossing the famous viaduct on a trolley. The party arrived at Lashio on the 1st inst.

The home papers state that enquiries in official Post Office circles in London do not confirm the announcement made by the Oceanic Steamship Company to the American railway companies that the British Postmaster had definitely adopted the trans-American route for the Australian mails instead of the Suez Canal route. So far as St. Martin's-le-Grand is concerned, no change has been made, nor is any change contemplated in the near future with regard to the matter. The Suez route is considered to be by far the quickest route at the present time, and must remain so not only until there is a weekly service from San Francisco, but until very much faster boats sail from America to New Zealand than do now.

The *Shanghai Mercury* has the following note from the native papers:—Some time ago, when the rumour that the Chinese Government was going to sell her Peiyang squadron of seven vessels to Russia was freely circulated in Shanghai, Mr. Odagiri, the Japanese Consul-General here, wired to Viceroy Liu Kung-yi, enquiring if the report was true and received a reply in the negative. But soon afterwards the Viceroy actually received a despatch from Li Hung-chang saying that, as it was difficult to get sufficient funds to maintain his fleet, it would be advisable to sell it to Russia. Viceroy Liu at once telegraphed to Yuan Shikai to consult with him about the matter, saying that the Chinese fleet, though small and inefficient, was indispensable to the existence of China as a state and in his opinion should on no account be sold, and asking Yuan to join him in protesting against Li's foolish proposal.

Two appeal cases of considerable interest are now being heard in the Osaka Appeal Court, Japan. One is the appeal of Mr. Ito Shigemi, against the decision of the Kobe Chihio Sainbaho (delivered on the 6th June last) in the action brought by him against Mr. J. C. Hall, the British Consul at Kobe. The claim in this case is for the recovery of 1,124.40 yen, alleged to be the balance of the cost of some hand-carts supplied to the British troops in North China, together with freight charges. The other appeal is that of Takada Tokichi against the decision of the Kobe Chihio Sainbaho in the matter of the steam-launch *Hambury*. By the decision of the lower Court the appellant had been ordered to pay a fine of 200 yen on a charge of violation of the Shipping Law in taking the steam-launch *Hambury*, of which he was captain, into port at Imochohima, which was not opened to foreign vessels, without obtaining the special permission of the authorities.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.]

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, 17th December, 10.25 a.m.

LORD ROSEBERRY'S SPEECH ON THE WAR.

Lord Rosebery has delivered a striking speech at Chesterfield. He said that if the Boers in Europe make overtures for peace, Great Britain should listen to them, but she should certainly not approach them. In the meanwhile, we should vigorously prosecute the war. Lord Rosebery would have the Government annul the banishment proclamation, and advocates a generous grant to rebuild the Boer farms and a liberal amnesty.

CHAMBERLAIN AND MILNER.

The unparalleled outburst of hatred against Britain abroad, Lord Rosebery said, was due to Mr. Chamberlain's oratory. He criticised Lord Milner, but declared himself unfavourable to his recall.

GENERAL NEWS.

LONDON, 17th December, 10.25 a.m.

ISTHMIAN CANAL TREATY RATIFIED.

The Isthmian Canal Treaty has been ratified by the United States Senate by 72 votes to 6.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

LONDON, 14th December.

SOUTH AFRICA—VILJOEN'S LAAGER SURPRISED.

General Bruce-Hamilton reports from Ermelo, South-eastern Transvaal, on the 15th instant that he surprised Piet Viljoen's laager, killing 16 of the enemy, and capturing 75 armed prisoners and many others wounded. He also re-captured one of Colonel Benson's guns.

THE NEW GERMAN TARIFF.

Great Britain has drawn Germany's attention to the grave apprehensions which are entertained in England of the injury the new tariff will do to the trade of both countries. The Russian and Austrian Press also continue to express apprehensions.

LONDON, 15th December.

MARQUIS ITO'S TOUR.

The German Emperor has conferred on Marquis Ito the Grand Cross of the Order of the Red Eagle set with brilliants.

SOUTH AFRICA—IMPORTANT CAPTURE.

Major Colebrand, Dawkins has effected the capture of Commandant Badenhorst and fourteen others. The effect of this important capture will be good.

THE BLOCK-HOUSE SYSTEM.

The block-house system has already resulted in the enemy being cleared from the country within a hundred miles round Johannesburg.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.]

GENERAL CHAFFEE ON THE PHILIPPINES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS,"
Hongkong, 17th December.

SIR,—The article in your issue of this morning entitled "General Chaffee on the Philippines" I read with great interest, but imagine my surprise when discussing it with an American naval officer just arrived in Hongkong from the United States via Manila, on being informed that General Chaffee disclaims all knowledge of the alleged letter, that "Major Heath of Montana" is not to be found on this earth, and that the article, whatever may be its merits, can find nobody willing to assume the responsibility of penmanship! We all know, Mr. Editor, the fate of "the man who tried to hustle the East," and it may be that our countrymen are encountering some of the obstacles which contributed to the melancholy fate of that unhappy creature, but history affords many examples of the removal of the immovable and of the interruption of the irresistible, and there are many Americans still who have faith that order and progress may yet be established in the Philippines—Yours, etc.

AMERICAN.

DIOCESAN CHORAL FESTIVAL.

The most sanguine hopes of the promoters of the first annual Hongkong Diocesan Festival, which was held yesterday in St. John's Cathedral, must have been amply gratified with the complete success which crowned their efforts; and now that the Festival has become an established and an appreciated fact, it cannot but be the earnest wish of all who had the pleasure of attending this first performance that such a praiseworthy movement may be followed up with zest and even increased ardour. The idea underlying the Festival is to increase the size of the choir and of course promote good music. For the actual crystallisation of that idea, too much praise cannot be bestowed upon the prime movers. It has meant incessant and indefatigable labour and anxiety for them. As is usual in such cases, most of the executive work has fallen upon only a few and upon one perhaps more than Mr. Alfred Cunningham, the Hon. Secretary, to whose self-denying efforts, backed up by those of the Committee, much of the success of the Festival was undoubtedly due. Able assistance was rendered also by Mr. G. P. Lammert, Mr. G. Grimble, and Mr. J. H. Moir, who was generous enough to relinquish the baton in favour of Mr. Ward, and to assist in the chorus. It remains to be said of course that the scheme when first set afoot was very well received and responded to by the various Chorus who participated, and although there was a good deal of—shall we say?—disturbance evinced on the part of some members of the chorus in the matter of attending the earlier practices in particular, yet on the whole there was much in them to gladden the conductor's heart and certainly nothing left to be desired so far as the results of the two months' preparation were concerned. To that last statement the large audience which filled the Cathedral to the doors yesterday evening gave their distinct approbation. The Chorus which took part in the Festival were those of St. John's Cathedral, St. Peter's Church, and the Military Church, instrumental assistance being lent by the band of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers. It may be mentioned that the initial practices were conducted by Mr. G. P. Lammert, previous to Mr. Ward's return from home.

The subject chosen for treatment on this occasion was A. R. Gaul's "The Holy City," a tuneful, bright work with some splendid choruses. As an overture, the R. W. F. band played a selection from Rossini's "Stabat Mater," which was followed by Sullivan's grand hymn, "Onward, Christian Soldiers," in which the congregation joined. The service was conducted by the Rev. R. F. Cobbold, M.A. "The Holy City" was introduced by an appropriate organ selection, and the opening chorus "No shadows yonder" was given with fine effect, showing the choir to be very well disciplined and excellently under the control of the conductor. As the performance proceeded, the chorus made evident their thorough acquaintance with their work, rendering the various pieces in a manner equally creditable to themselves and to Mr. A. G. Ward, who had in this his reward for the strenuous efforts he had unceasingly made in bringing his chorus up to satisfactory pitch. "They that sow in tears" was one of the most notable numbers, the light and shade being most artistically observed, and they were also heard to advantage in the quick-time "This is the Kingdom" with which Part I concludes. Another very effective chorus was the refrain to the bass air at the beginning of Part II, while "Great and marvellous are Thy works" was most impressively sung and provided a splendid finale. In the chorus were several ladies who had kindly lent their assistance to the combined choir. Mrs. Mudie, who has recovered from the recent indisposition which unhappily prevented her from taking a soloist's part in the Festival, magnanimously took her place in the chorus and rendered invaluable aid. As regards the soloists, there can be on the whole nothing but praise for them. This was the first occasion upon which Mrs. W. H. Anderson had appeared in the Cathedral. Her opening solo, "Eyes hath not seen," brought out the excellent quality and tone of her well-trained soprano voice in an eminent degree, and her also her declamatory style was heard to advantage. Of the air, "These are they which came out of great tribulation," Mrs. Anderson also gave an admirable rendering. Miss Loureiro, soprano, and Miss Leykam, contralto, both sang well in the quartets in which they appeared. Mrs. Donly, contralto, though not possessed of a very strong voice, made a favorable appearance in her solo numbers. Mr. G. P. Lammert in his opening tenor solo, "No weeping yonder," gave a roughness to his notes sometimes which his recent throat trouble no doubt accounted for. His rendering of the air "My soul is athirst" was tasteful and sweet. The basses were Messrs. C. H. P. Hay and W. J. Terrill. Mr. Hay gave the air with which Part II opens, "Thus saith the Lord," a characteristic rendition and used his powerful voice with marked effect, though giving the impression sometimes of uncertainty in the treatment of his intervals. Mr. Terrill sang "And I heard the voice of harpers" in his accustomed acceptable manner. Several of the quartets were admirably given. In the unaccompanied quartet "No partings yonder" Misses Loureiro and Leykam and Messrs. G. W. Coster and L. Lammert sang splendidly together. The goal of the whole performance was perhaps the unaccompanied semi-chorus, "The fitting pot is for silver," which was rendered with fine expression and regard to modulation and with great accuracy as to time. Another good feature was the chorus "Let the heavens rejoice," the R. W. F. band taking part in it. The band played excellently in all their numbers, and deserve every credit for their performance, as does Mr. J. H. Moir, the bandmaster, for his. Mr. G. Grimble, the organist, filled that capacity with his accustomed ability and acceptance. After the benediction, a further selection of music from "Stabat Mater" was

played by the band. In the interval between Parts I and II of "The Holy City" a collection was taken on behalf of the Choir Fund. The total amount realised was \$414.02, which is the largest collection taken for eight years.

Appended are the names of the soloists, &c., members of chorus, and the Committee—

SOLOISTS, &c.
Soprano—Mrs. W. H. Anderson and Miss Loureiro; Contralto—Miss Leykam; Tenor—Mr. G. P. Lammert; Basses—Messrs. C. H. P. Hay and W. J. Terrill; Organist—Mr. G. Grimble; Conductors—Mr. J. H. Moir, R. W. F. and Mr. A. G. Ward.

CHORUS.
Messlames—J. Mudie, A. Seth, F. H. Yeats, A. Cunningham, H. L. Stringer, G. A. Woodcock, Misses C. F. Clive, M. Parker, Seth, Loureiro, M. Loureiro, Chunyat, Leykam, Weatherston, E. Shaw, Hance, Messrs. E. Jenkins, E. Warder, J. Ash, Nicholls, H. L. Stringer, A. Cunningham, W. J. Terrill, C. H. P. Hay, J. Hays, A. Eynott, C. Gregory, L. Lammert, B. Lammert, Adams, F. G. Whitlick, G. W. Coster, G. Benning, A. Rowley, N. Thompson, A. Bolstridge, S. H. Moore, C. Pearce, H. Sykes, H. Arthur, Ruby, Miron, Hunt, Arbutnot, J. Grant Smith, Rev. J. Wright, Masters E. Hagen, W. Hagen, Hendley, Jack, Lenfesty, Ford, Power, Seyers, P. E. Hastings, A. G. Melby, H. H. Strangman, L. Le Breton, A. Moyhing, H. Jox, Yates.

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE.
Rev. R. F. Cobbold, M.A., Mrs. Seth, Mrs. Lawson, Mr. W. Armstrong, Mr. G. P. Lammert, Mr. A. G. Ward, Mr. H. Sykes, Mr. J. H. Moir, and Mr. Alfred Cunningham, Hon. Secretary.

We understand that the choir purpose giving either Stainer's "Crucifixion" or "The Daughter of Jairus" during Lent.

CANTON.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

Canton, 16th December.

GREAT CONFLAGRATION IN HONAM.
A serious fire broke out in Honam on Thursday night, resulting in the destruction of two to three hundred houses. The flames spread with extraordinary rapidity, as is always the case after a long drought in this land of offset fire engines. It is supposed that there was some loss of life, but the exact number has not yet been ascertained. The bulk of the damage is covered by insurance policies held in various Chinese companies. With a view to preventing the spread of fires a series of precautionary orders have been issued by the officials. The great difficulty is to obtain a sufficient supply of water. Hydrants are few, the engines are antiquated machines worked by hand, and the hoses always leak. All shopkeepers are therefore to provide themselves with two large wooden buckets. These are to be kept full of water and to be hung in a conspicuous and convenient place. In the event of fire they are to be at the disposal of the fire brigade. They are to bear the sign of the shop inscribed upon them, and any shopkeeper who fails to comply with this order is to be fined.

VOLUNTARY INDEMNITY CONTRIBUTIONS.
Among other means for raising the great share of the indemnity which Canton has been ordered by the Court to provide, was a proclamation issued by the Viceroy requesting people to give from time to time what surplus they could spare. This was issued in the eighth month, but the response was only 781 taels. The ninth month has produced a larger contribution, amounting to over 4,000 taels. These amounts only apply to the suburbs; the amount of the contributions of the interior of the city not having been published.

A NOTABLE THEIF.
has been arrested on these. A. K. Hoang. His name is Ng Tung, and for many years he defied the police of the city. A reward was offered for his capture, which was gradually increased until it reached over \$7,000. Success came him bold, and he was recognised in Hongkong by a detective who managed to learn his intention of coming to Canton. The steamer was boarded before her arrival, and the thief reached Canton under an escort of police.

KIDNAPPING CASES.
Two cases of kidnapping have been frustrated of late. The first was a most impudent attempt to carry off a woman in the streets of Canton. Her husband was a candidate for the M.A. degree, and while he was being examined she desired to go and call on some of her friends. Not knowing the way she enquired in the streets, and a bystander, on learning her destination, said he knew the people and where they lived, and would conduct her. On the way he puffed smoke into her face, and before she could recover, contrived to chloroform her. She woke up to find herself in a room with an old woman who would give no answer to her questions. A day or two later she was put in a chair, and as she was being carried through the street cried out for help. The coolies dropped the chair and levanted. The usual crowd collected, to whom she told her story, and it happened that her husband, who was seeking her, came up, attracted by the crowd, recognised her, and took her home with him.

The other offender was a woman, and was caught two days ago. She brought her victim from the country, where she caught her by a Chinese adaptation of the confidence dodge. The *modus operandi* is to tell stories of the vast wages that are paid in Canton and to offer to

conduct and find work for the other. On reaching Canton and again at Hongkong they are told that these are merely villages on the way to the provincial capital. On arrival at Singapore the kidnapped girls are told many tales of the ways of English magistrates and police, and in their ignorance are generally frightened into complete submission.

THE VICEBOYAL BODYGUARD.
The private bodyguard of the Viceroy is now being drilled in European fashion. They wear a red blouse and blue leggings, with the queue coiled up and a blue turban over it. They are armed with chusopots, but do not habitually march and fire with fixed bayonets, which weapons they only carry on state occasions. The men understand how to march in step, mark time, form fours, and such like. They are headed by a drum and file band, and have a couple of bagpipers attached to them. The times and calls played by these are all used in the English army. In the same way the non-commissioned officers walk by the side of their men, and the captain is the only one who is allowed a horse. They are also taught to salute in the English fashion, and always attract a crowd when marching through the streets.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

"O" MACHINE GUN CO.

This December shoot of the above unit concluded the competition for the Keewick Cups, which were to be won by the highest aggregate, counting six out of nine shots. The result was—

Sergeant Sherwin	pts.	aggregate
Corporal Sherwin	548	548
Corporal Gloya	535	535
Corporal Gloya	535	535

The Gaby Cup competition, which was also fired for, and is won each year by the highest score at any of the four quarterly shoots, did not count, as Bonk Gidley's September score of 102 was not beaten. This cup has to be fired for once more only, and then the winners of the three years will fire off for full possession of the Cup, each winner receiving a gold medal in addition.

The best scores were—
200 400 500 Handi-Toys, yds. yds. cap. tal.
Sergeant Sherwin 31 32 24 14 101
Corporal Sherwin 32 32 23 14 91
Corporal Gloya 22 17 10 15 64
Spoon winners.

THE CHINA ASSOCIATION.

The annual dinner of the China Association was held on the 15th ult. at the Whitehall Rooms, Hotel Metropole, London, under the presidency of Sir Thomas Sutherland. Among a company of upwards of 200 gentlemen present were Admiral Sir E. H. Seymour, Sir C. Clement Smith, Captain Francis J. Pitt, Sir Montagu O'Malley, Mr. G. Fleetwood Wilson, Sir W. Robinson, Mr. W. Adamson, chairman of the Straits Association, Mr. J. H. Gwyther, Mr. H. N. Gladstone, Mr. Byron Brennan, Mr. C. Clive Bigham, Mr. G. Armstrong, Mr. C. Wick, Mr. P. Sir J. D. Campbell, Mr. W. K. Sir A. Michie, Sir E. Canton, Mr. J. W. Richardson, Mr. J. H. Scott, Mr. G. F. W. Curtis, Professor Hewins, Sir Feilding Clarke, Sir E. H. Bask, Mr. V. Chiro, Colonel H. Phipps, Sir A. Bateman, the Hon. F. N. Curzon, Mr. E. Jones, &c. After the loyal toasts, Admiral Sir E. Seymour, in responding for the Imperial forces, proposed by Mr. W. Kewick, M.P., said—I return you my most sincere thanks, on behalf of the Navy, for the most gratifying way in which the toast has been proposed and received. It is well known that the toast of the Navy, as well as the rest of the Forces, is always received in London with the greatest kindness and applause. I think I may say that the intercourse between the British Navy and China in all ways has from the first been of the most intimate description, and I think I may say of the most successful quality. (Loud cheers.) We live, gentlemen, in very stirring times, and we are beginning to see the signs of a new era, in which the world is to be united by the ties of friendship and commerce, and in which the nations who are rivals, but I prefer not to state names. With regard to the Navy itself, it is half a century ago that the British Navy was expected to be equal to any one. Most people can guess which nation I mean. A little later, people talked that it should be equal to any two, and now some people are whispering that it should be equal to three. (Loud cheers.) I think I may say that the time really equal to any one, and I believe that it is equal to any two, (I hear.) I will not trouble you very long, but there is one remark I want to make, and that is there is no doubt that one nation against two, and even three, has an immense advantage in having unity of direction, and that must always be taken into account. I am unwilling to speak of myself, but I think Mr. Kewick for the very kind way in which he has mentioned me, much more than I deserve. I first went to China in 1857, and have the honour of saying that I served under two Admirals whose memory will ever remain green in China, and if I could think that my name will be remembered in China as theirs, I shall be very thankful. I see here with me one or two officers whom I had the pleasure of having to assist me in the expedition to which Mr. Kewick has so kindly referred. Their services were most valuable to me. I am very glad to see them here, but I am sorry that their names and services have not been mentioned in the toast which has just been drunk. Gentlemen, it is not for the sons of Neptune to attempt to teach the arts of commerce, and if I attempted to do so, possibly you would remind me that the cobbler should stick to his last, but it is nearly impossible to serve in China and not to be interested in trade. I don't think there is another part of the world where the Navy has so much to do with British commerce, and those gentlemen who conduct it, as in China. (Cheers.) It is delightful to me to think the British Flag generally goes into the waters of British commerce, and it is very pleasant for me to think that while I was on there British gunboats were the first that went up the Yangtze-Kiang and the West River. I hope it is an earnest that British trade will continue to increase, and to flourish as it has long done; but we are quite aware of the competition out there. There is one nation who attempts to get territory more than anything else. (Laughter.) There is another nation which is not content with territory, but for its art and commerce than she does her merchants, and her merchants have the good sense to be associated with our merchants. (Loud cheers.) I am sure, you all felt as I felt when I was in China last summer. We felt we were English and liked fair play, and we grudge that people should shelter themselves under our flag and not behave to us exactly as

they should do. Let me thank you, gentlemen, for the complimentary way in which you received the toast of the British Navy. (Cheers.)

Captain Phipps, R.A., also responded, paying a warm tribute to the Australian Naval Contingent, as well as to the Indian troops employed in China.

The Chairman proposed "Prosperity to the China Association." He congratulated the association that they were emerging from the smoke and flame of the great tragedy and welcomed the gallant admirals and other officers who took part in the struggle between Taku and Peking. No retribution, he said, could have been too great if it could have fallen on the chief criminals, but there was no doubt the most highly placed criminals had escaped the punishment they so rightly deserved. It was to the credit of Lord Lansdowne that he endeavoured from first to last to secure even-handed justice, and if Lord Lansdowne had been supported instead of being thwarted by Russia, and he might also say by America, a fuller degree of justice would in all probability have been done, and the Chinese Government would have been brought to its senses and a lesson given to the Mandarins which would have endured for many and many a day. (Cheers.) On the whole they might, perhaps, be grateful that the Powers pulled together in the crisis as they did. There was no doubt that the Powers in their action had the attitude of Peking was severely handicapped by the policy of Russia in endeavouring to make a separate treaty with China in regard to Manchuria. The policy of Russia did not cause him the slightest surprise, but what he did not quite understand was the attitude of Germany, for after having entered into a solemn treaty with Great Britain for the purpose of preventing the disintegration of China the German Government declared that the question of Manchuria was of no moment whatever to them. ("Shame.") Again it was to the credit of our present Foreign Secretary that he exerted the utmost possible pressure in order to prevent that secret treaty from actually taking effect, and in that respect, for the time being at all events, he was successful. What might be the consequences of the death of Li Hung-chang it was impossible to foresee, but Lord Lansdowne was bound to exert every effort to secure that Manchuria should not become alienated from China, and that Britain should have freedom of trade and commerce in Manchuria as well as in every other part of the Chinese Empire. (Cheers.) From his point of view, apart from the relief of the Legations, in which the Japanese had played a gallant part which deserved the fullest recognition, the occupation of Peking by the allies was a distinct disappointment, because that occupation did nothing whatever. It produced no effect whatever towards the disintegration of the Chinese Government in Peking. It might be that we were so handicapped in South Africa that the Government were precluded from taking the bolder stand which our great interests would have entitled us to take—because the interests of Great Britain in China were equal to all the other Powers of Europe put together—but if his Majesty's Government had taken a year ago the advice of the China Association if they had sent out a High Commissioner of the type of Lord Elinor of 40 years ago, or of Lord Curzon of Kedleston, Lord Curzon or Lord Pannocote, a cleverer and more definite policy would most certainly have ensued; and he believed the result of that policy would have been a determination that the British forces at all events should remain in Peking until the return of the Emperor, freed from the dominion of the anti-foreign Court and the unscrupulous Empress Dowager. (Hear, hear.) The situation was not out of the ordinary. It was a situation which he believed we should allow ourselves to be lulled into a sense of false security. He believed there was great danger in a return to power of the anti-foreign and reactionary Government, and he trusted our Government would not allow themselves to lapse into that ignorance and indifference which distinguished our Ministers in Peking when they were totally unconscious of danger until within a few hours of the time when the Legations were actually besieged. There were indications, on the other hand, of a hopeful character, and first among these was the fidelity of the Yangtze Viceroy's Government. Whatever the consequences it was the bounden duty of the British Government to uphold those Viceroys and to safeguard them against any possible danger from a reactionary Government. Another sign of good omen was the rapid spread of Western knowledge among the younger and bolder portion of the population, which would bring forth fruit eventually in the reform of the most unformed system of government in the world. In regard to the new commercial treaty now on the tapis, if foreign commerce was to be handicapped in order to find ways and means to secure the payment of the great debt which China had incurred, he feared there was great danger of the enforcement of protective and prohibitive duties which might endanger the most promising market we had in the world. The toast was drunk with applause and with cries of "Gaudy."

Mr. Byron Brennan proposed "Our grass," to which Sir Feilding Clarke responded, and Mr. E. H. Bask, "Our Chairman," Sir Thomas Sutherland replying in brief and suitable terms.

WATER RETURN.

LEVEL AND STORAGE OF WATER IN RESERVOIRS ON THE 1ST DECEMBER.

LEVEL.	1900.	1901.
Tytam	Below overflow. Below overflow.	Below overflow. Below overflow.
Pokfulam	5 ft. 1 in. 29 ft. 5 in.	5 ft. 1 in. 29 ft. 5 in.
Wongnialcheung	0 ft. 7 in. 21 ft. 0 in.	0 ft. 7 in. 21 ft. 0 in.
Wongnialcheung	17 ft. 9 in. 31 ft. 4 in.	17 ft. 9 in. 31 ft. 4 in.
STORAGE GALLONS. <th>1900.</th> <th>1901.</th>	1900.	1901.
Tytam	842,520,000	181,645,000
Pokfulam	64,740,000	22,500,000
Wongnialcheung	11,585,000	3,458,000
Total	418,845,000	207,603,000

CONSUMPTION OF WATER IN THE CITY OF VICTORIA AND HILL DISTRICT DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1901.

Consumption	1900.	1901.
Estimated population	104,075,000	87,500,000 gallons
Estimated population	209,000	211,400
Consumption per head per day	16.6	13.8 gallons

The intermittent system of supply was introduced on the 11th November.

CONSUMPTION OF WATER IN KOWLOON PENINSULA DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1901.

Consumption	1900.	1901.
Estimated population	8,527,000	10,243,000 gallons
Estimated population	28,700	53,250
Consumption per head per day	9.9	6.4 gallons

The population has been obtained from the latest Census Returns, aided by Returns kindly supplied by the Military and Naval Authorities. The Government Analyst reports that the water is of excellent quality.

W. CHATHAM, Water Authority.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

GREAT CLEARANCE SALE.

SPLENDID OPPORTUNITY FOR PURCHASING

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

WATCHES, JEWELLERY, DIAMONDS, OPALS, and other precious Stones to the aggregate value of about \$40,000 are now being offered for

PRIVATE SALE.

Within our AUCTION SALES ROOMS, being the Balance of a Consignment intended for the Philippine Market part of which was sold here by Public Auction, on Saturday, the 14th inst.

An inspection is invited, what remains

MUST BE SOLD.

And the prices are marked down to the lowest possible figures.

SPECIAL ATTENTION

is given to the magnificent collection of Unset Brazilian White, Blue and Indian Diamonds, Queensland and Hungarian Opals.

On View between the hours of 11 A.M. and 4 P.M. daily.

HUGHES & HOUGH, AUCTIONEERS.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1901.

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NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE CO.

THE OLDEST AND LARGEST INTERNATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY IN THE WORLD.

Supervised by 32 Governments.

Actual net-placed and paid-for business for the year 1900 Dollars 232,388,255 Gold.

The undersigned, having been appointed HONGKONG AGENT for this Company will be pleased to receive proposals for Insurance. A note or a Telephone Message from those wishing an "up-to-date" policy will receive immediate attention.

HECTOR W. SAMPSON, HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1901.

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LATE TELEGRAMS.

NEWS VIA CAYENNE.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

London, 30th November.

ONE EFFECT OF CONCENTRATION.

The Times correspondent at Pretoria says that, owing to the concentration of the British south of the Delagoa Railway, the Boers have returned to their favourite haunts at Steenkampsburg, where the supplies are abundant, and more men are needed to complete attention in the field. London, 1st December.

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THE PATRIOTIC RESPONSE IN CANADA.

London, 1st December.

It is anticipated that three times the number required will volunteer for the new Canadian Contingent.

RETURN OF INFLUENTIAL RESIDENTS.

London, 1st December.

The military progress is encouraging influential South Africans to return in increasing numbers.

BULLER CONTROVERSY RE-OPENED.

London, 2nd December.

The London correspondent of the Indian Daily News, telegraphing on the 1st inst., states that the Buller controversy rages with unabated fury. Charge and countercharge are made daily in the Press and on the platform; and the recriminations of partisans are bitter.

THE LONDON STANDARD CREATED A SENSATION BY PUBLISHING A LEADING ARTICLE YESTERDAY, EVIDENTLY INSPIRED, REGARDING SIR REDVERS BULLER'S HELIOGRAPH TO SIR GEORGE WHITE, AND THREATENS TO DESTROY HIS REPUTATION AS A LEADER IN THE FIELD. IT IS SUPPOSED THAT THE STANDARD IS IN A POSITION TO PROVE THAT SIR GEORGE WHITE REFUSED TO REGRANT THE HELIOGRAPHED INSTRUCTIONS AS AUTHENTIC, AND HELIOGRAPHED BACK TO ASCERTAIN; AND THAT SIR REDVERS BULLER REPEATED THE MESSAGE. HAD NOT SIR GEORGE WHITE OBEYED THE INSTRUCTIONS, 12,000 British troops would have surrendered to General Louis Botha without an effort.

THE RECENT JOHANNESBURG CONSPIRACY.

London, 1st December.

The object of the Johannesburg conspiracy was to disarm the Rand Rifles and thus cause serious delay in being attacked.

GENERAL NEWS.

KHEIVIE'S VISIT TO KHARTOUM.

London, 29th November.

The Khedive has arrived at Wady-Hulla and is proceeding to visit Khartoum.

THE SUGAR CONFERENCE.

London, 30th November.

The Standard states that the Belgian Premier will preside at the Sugar Conference.

A NEW V.C.

London, 30th November.

Lieutenant Price-Davies has been awarded the Victoria Cross.

ACCIDENT TO THE DUKE OF TECK.

London, 30th November.

"R. H. the Duke of Teck has been thrown whilst hunting. His Royal Highness sustained a slight concussion of the brain, and an injury to his hip.

H.R.H. the Duke of Teck is out of danger, and the concussion has disappeared.

INDIAN VICEROY'S TOUR.

London, 30th November.

The Times, in a leader, says the energy and imaginative insight of Lord Curzon were never displayed more remarkably than in his recent tour. The personal side of Lord Curzon's activity appeals probably to the Oriental mind more than large conception of policy and strenuous administrative efforts.

THE ITALIAN BUDGET.

London, 30th November.

The Italian Budget presented to the Chamber shows that last year ended with a surplus of 41 millions lire, and there is anticipated a surplus of 13 millions this year, and 14 millions next year. The Minister concluded by dwelling on the economic revival in Italy, and announced a reform in October.

DEATH OF A GREAT CRICKETER.

London, 2nd December.

The cricketer George Lohman has died in South Africa of consumption.

BEWARE

of the Party offering imitations of MACNIVEN & CAMERON'S PENS.

"They come as a boon and a blessing to men. The Pickwick, the Owl, and the Waverley Pen. Sold at all Stationers."

MACNIVEN & CAMERON, Ltd., Waverley Works, Edinburgh.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

LOST.

A SMALL CLUMBER SPANIEL, completely Black and answers to the name of "PUNCH." Licence No. 149. Reward on return to—

T. H. WHITEHEAD, Chartered Bank, Hongkong, 18th December, 1901. [3223]

WANTED.

A DOG CART and HARNESS suitable for a China Pony. Apply by letter to—

"COLT," Care of Daily Press Office, Hongkong, 18th December, 1901. [3221]

BEKANNTMACHUNG.

DIE BEKANNTMACHUNG aus dem diesseitigen Handelsregister sowie andere gesetzlich vorgeschriebene Veröffentlichungen werden im Jahre 1902 durch den "ÖSTERREICHISCHEN LLOYD" und die "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS" erfolgen. Statuten, den 18. December 1901. DER KAISERLICHE DEUTSCHE KONSUL, STREICH. [3222]

THE CATHOLIC UNION.

XMAS FREE ENTERTAINMENTS TO THE POOR.

WILL you help to make 500 Children and 150 Old People happy on Christmas Day? Come to the Grand Bazaar of Toys to be held in the Rooms of the Orphanage, Gloucester, on SUNDAY, 22nd instant, from 3 to 8 P.M. Admission by Tickets—Adults 50 Cents each (entitled to Xmas Souvenir), Children 10 Cents (all at the Children's Stall). The Toys, &c., will be on View from SATURDAY AFTERNOON. Hongkong, 18th December, 1901. [3220]

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.'S NEW YORK LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"ACARA," will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 19th inst., at Noon.

To be followed by the Steamship "ASAMA."

Captain Bement, on or about 27th December.

For Freight, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1901. [3225]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"PERMOSA,"

Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the above ports on FRIDAY, the 20th instant, at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFFRAIK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1901. [3224]

FOR HOLLAND.

THE Steamship

"ANTONIO MACLEOD,"

Captain Ugarte, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 20th inst., at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BRADDA & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1901. [3217]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES for Company's Steamer

"PATROCLUS"

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd.; in both cases it will be at Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 20th instant.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

Goods undelivered after the 24th instant will be subject to sale. All damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 27th inst.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTCHFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1901. [15]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "ROSETTA MARU."

FROM YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Counter-Signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1901. [3218]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"ARRATON APCAR,"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at once.

Cargo remaining on board after 2 P.M. of the 19th inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE delivery of their Goods from alongside; such Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SIBSON, SONS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1901. [3216]

FOUND.

A PURSE containing \$45 in Notes. Owner can apply for same at—

THE QUEEN'S HOTEL, Kowloon, 18th December, 1901. [3185]

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY), the 18th December, 1901, at 10 A.M., at H. M. NAVAL YARD, SUNDRY NAVAL AND VICTUALLING OBsolete AND CONDEMNED STORES, Comprising—

OLD IRON, PAPER STUFF, RAGS, CANVAS IMPLEMENTS, &c., &c.

Sale of Victualling will commence at 2.30 P.M.

TERMS OF SALE:—As Customary.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers, Hongkong, 18th December, 1901. [3158]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the Registrar, Supreme Court, to sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY, the 20th December, 1901, at 2.30 P.M., at their SALES ROOMS, 29, DES VUEX ROAD, A LARGE NUMBER OF LAW BOOKS.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers, Hongkong, 17th December, 1901. [3216]

XMAS!! XMAS!! XMAS!!!

PUBLIC AUCTION OF SUITABLE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

THE undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY, the 21st December, 1901, commencing at 2.30 P.M., A LARGE VARIETY OF FANCY GOODS, Comprising—

PARISIAN BRONZES, FANCY CLOCKS IN MARBLE & BRONZE, &c., ELECTRO-PLATE WARE, STATUETTES, MIRRORS, LEATHER GOODS, FANCY WORK BOXES, SMOKING SETS, LIQUEUR SETS, JARDINIERS VASES, CENTRAPIRES, DRESDEN PORCELAIN and Various other Goods; and

SINGER'S TREADLE SEWING MACHINES, SINGER'S HAND SEWING MACHINES.

TERMS:—Cash on delivery.

On View from Friday, the 20th December, GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1901. [3208]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the Official Administrator, to Sell by Public Auction, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE ESTATE OF CHEUNG TAI IP (deceased), on

MONDAY, the 23rd inst., at 11 A.M., at CAUSEWAY BAY, the Steam Launch

"HOI PING," Built of Teakwood, Length 63 feet 6 inches; Breadth 12 feet 5 inches; Depth 2 feet 3 inches. She has the following passengers accommodation.

Within the local trade limits 48 Outside 14

Net Tonnage 21.65.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers, Hongkong, 18th December, 1901. [3157]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY, the 23rd December, 1901, commencing at 2.30 P.M., at his SALES ROOMS, Duddell Street, A FINE COLLECTION OF JAPANESE PORCELAINS AND CLOISONNES, Comprising—

MAKUDZU VASES, INCENSE BURNERS, AND CUPS AND SAUCERS, SETO BLUE and WHITE HAND-PAINTED VASES, EGG SHELL TEA-SERVICES, VARIOUS DESIGNED VASES, DISHES, WALL-PLATES, &c., &c.; and

Also, Some very fine Specimens of CLOISONNE VASES, SILVER GROUND and SILVER INLAID, and CLOISONNE BUCKLES.

TERMS:—Cash on delivery.

On View on Date of Sale, GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1901. [3209]

WANTED.

A B C CODE, 4TH EDITION. New or Second Hand. ROOM 46, Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, 17th December, 1901. [3207]

NOTICE.

DURING the operations for RAISING the ss. "SKRAMSTAD" there will be obstructions between the Ship and the Shore and Launches and Junks are warned not to attempt to pass.

R. MURRAY BUNSEY, R. BEN. R.N., Harbour Master, &c., Hongkong, 18th December, 1901. [3200]

WING CHEONG, Dealer in

JEWELRY, PEARLS, DIAMONDS, CURIOUS, JADESTONE ORNAMENTS, BRONZES and CARVED IVORY WARE, FINE SILKS and GRASSCLOTHS

General Exporters of ANISEED and CASSIA OILS, &c., &c., Stock always on Hand.

An Inspection is respectfully Solicited.

Notes.—We beg to announce that we also buy all kinds of Curious at Moderate Prices.

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Hongkong, 18th April, 1901. [3206]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ADJOURNED EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above named Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 2, Albert Road, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, THIS DAY (WEDNESDAY), the 18th day of December, 1901, at 4 P.M., for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following Resolution, viz.:

RESOLUTION. "That the figures in Article No. 10, Clause 15 of the Articles of Association of the Company be altered to read \$1,500 (Fifteen hundred Dollars)."

Should the above Resolution be passed by the requisite majority, it will be submitted for confirmation, at a Special Resolution, to a Second Extraordinary General Meeting which will be suitably convened.

By Order of the Board of Directors, R. P. MOFFITT, Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1901. [3105]

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, 35 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on FRIDAY, the 27th day of December, 1901, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Manager, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th November, 1901.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on the 20th to 29th inst., both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers, Hongkong, 14th December, 1901. [3171]

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MOJA STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

TENDERS are invited for the sole right of advertising in Chinese on the backs of tickets issued to native passengers by all the steamers of this Company and by the China Navigation Company's steamer "HANKOW." For further particulars, apply to THE SECRETARY.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1901. [3201]

A MOST USEFUL AND ACCEPTABLE

XMAS PRESENT

LOCKWOOD'S

"PAMPA" CUTLERY.

The Ostrich on the Blade is a Guarantee of Genuine Sheffield Steel, of honest finish, a keen edge, highest excellence and denotes a Really Good Knife.

"PAMPA" Cutlery is more popular than ever.

Sole Makers—LOCKWOOD BROS., LD., Sheffield.

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Hongkong, 17th December, 1901. [3211]

NOTICE.

DURING REPAIRS to one of the WELLS, a full Supply of Water to the Kowloon Peninsula cannot be maintained. Water will, however, be TURNED ON from above 6 A.M. till Noon.

It is anticipated that the repairs will be completed and the full supply resumed within a few days.

The districts of Mong-kok-tai and Yau-mat are not included in the above Notice, as they are supplied from a separate source.

W. CHATHAM, Water Authority, Hongkong, 14th December, 1901. [3174]

THE HONGKONG STEAM WATER BOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE above Company is prepared to supply the shipping in Hongkong with PURE and FILTERED WATER both for deck and boilers.

Call Flag W. J. W. KEW, Manager, 20, Des Vaux Road, Hongkong, 18th December, 1901. [3160]

DAVID CORSE & SON'S

MERCHANT NAVY

NAT BOLLER

LONG FLAY

RELIANCE CROWN

TARPAILING

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The churchyard lay in a lonely spot. The wide moorland around—a belt of hills and mountains beyond, lifting themselves to the rose and gold of dawn, as spring and summer met in the sweet freshness of a May morning.
Over the grass, heavy and wet with dew, a little girlish figure came. Her gown was of white, her russet-hued hair hung down to her waist in a loose plait. The bloom of youth was on her cheek and in the scarlet of her lips. Her eyes were eager—the eyes of one who expects and longs—and yet fears to attain what she hopes for. She opened the lych gate and entered the churchyard with slower steps, glancing from side to side, and advancing with caution as if she feared to disturb those sleeping inmates of God's Acre.

It was intensely still; the chirp of a bird the only sound of life. The day was at its first hour, and airy mists still hovered midway between earth and sky. The girl glanced from grave to grave as she moved up the pathway. Her step was slow now, and her eyes were wandering. She stopped at last and drew a slip of paper from her bosom and read it carefully; then, holding it in her hand, moved slowly forward once more, reading name after name.

"Unmarried," she said, softly. "He must be unmarried, it says. Now—how was it to tell that? Good! He is a young man, and there are a few young men who are buried here. Why, I might be lucky."
She paused abruptly. A white stone faced her; a rude rough block bordered by a stone coping, in the centre of which the young man was springing fresh and green. On the stone was graven a name and date which apparently recalled some memory.

"John Lauriston. Aged nineteen years. Killed by an accident on these moors. May 1st, 1889."

"A year ago," she thought. "A year to-day, and the grass is green over his grave. Shall I find it here?"

She knelt down and peered eagerly among the close growing grass, till she found what she wanted. Only a weed—to all appearances, but she plucked it with a half apologetic glance at the tombstone as if asking pardon for such a liberty.

Her next proceeding was to seat herself on the coping, and take off her shoe. Into it she laid three sprigs of the weed, murmuring under her breath the following lines:
"Good morning, good morning, good day,
And thrice a good morning to thee;
Tell me before this time to-morrow,
Who my true love is to be?"

Then she solemnly tied her shoe, and rose, casting an lingering and regretful look at the grave where slept youth that had been alert and keen and buoyant as her own but on short year ago.

Slowly with downcast head, she retraced her steps and reached the gate. But when she raised her eyes she saw leaning upon it and looking into the churchyard—a man.

He was tall, sun-tanned, somewhat roughly dressed. Surprise made her start, and brought the blood to her cheek. She would have to open the gate and pass him, and this she must do in silence or break the spell of the yarrow.

The stranger showed no inclination to move. He looked critically at the slight tall figure, the sun-tanned face, the bare russet-hued head and dangling sun-bonnet; then with a smile he spoke.

"An early visitor to so sad a spot," he said. She made no answer, save by the deepening rose of cheek, and a nervous attempt to lift the latch of the gate on which he leaned.

"Excuse me—I am in your way," he said again, and stooped and opened the gate for her. Like a flash she passed—uttering no word, while he stood gazing in bewilderment after her retreating figure.

"What an odd girl! Is she dumb, I wonder?" he reflected. As there was nothing and no one to solve the problem he gave it up, and entered the churchyard himself.

He too seemed in search of some particular grave, for his keen eyes moved restlessly from name to name. Finally he paused, as the girl had done, beside that one bearing the name of John Lauriston.

His stern face changed and grew tender as he read the inscription. Some painful emotion seemed at work within his heart. "God knows I'll change places with you, Jack, if I could," he muttered. "You had all the love. It's you they wanted, not me. I was a bad lot always."

He glanced at the blue sky—pure sapphire—fleckless and bright with the May day glory. A sudden mist swam before his eyes. "A bad lot," he repeated. "Always that. You're better off, my boy. Perhaps you know that now."

He brushed the dizziness away with his hand—ambulant and full of life—yet the shadowy hand of a gentleman for all that. "I must go and see them, I suppose," he went on. "Not that there'll be much of a welcome for me. It isn't gold that buys love hereabouts. It's the damnable cities that teach that bit of humbug."

Still his eyes rested on the headstone, and on the lovely emerald tint of the grass. As he gazed he suddenly noticed a crumpled scrap of paper lying on the grave. Stooping he picked it up, and saw it was covered with small fine writing. On one side was a name of four lines; on the other the following charm—headed "The Spell of the Yarrow."

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He smiled involuntarily. "So this explains my dumb maiden," he said. "The pretty innocent, and to think it was here she stood, and from here she chose her yarrow! How simple these country folk still are."

He folded the piece of paper carefully, and put it away in a leather pocket-book that looked as if it had seen much service. Then with a sigh he turned away from the grave, and left the churchyard to its old loneliness.

It was full day now, and the birds had burst into song, and every dew-wet leaf and blossom quivered with new life. The man stood and looked around. Years of absence and toil and hardship gave fresh zest to the homely English beauty of the homely English scene. With a smile on his lips and a new and tender light in his eyes, he walked on. His thoughts were busy with old memories and the vagueness of new hopes. Bitterness and revolt had been left behind him in that quiet churchyard, where the dead slept their dreamless sleep.

He recognised old landmarks, and wondered at modern changes. The day was going, and he had time enough to spare before reaching his destination. He was not expected, he was not even sure that he would be welcomed, and there was no need to hurry for an uncertainty.

It was barely six o'clock when he reached a small low farmhouse, built of limestone blocks, grey with age, lichen and ivy-covered, set amidst orchards of cherry and apple trees now bursting into blossom. Life was all astir here. The windows were open, there was a clatter of pails, a sound of voices. A grey haired woman came out into the porch and the stranger stood still, half screened from sight by the hedge of box and myrtle which surrounded the house.

"Mavis," cried the voice. "Mavis! Why, what ails the girl?—asleep a morning like this?"

She stepped out and looked up at a window, screened with white blind and curtain, and bordered with jasmine and climbing rose bush. The man looked too.

"Mavis," he echoed. "Why who is Mavis? I never heard of her."

The woman now, as if impatient, took up a handful of gravel from the path and threw it at the closed window.

In a moment or two it was opened, and a girl looked out.

"Why—how now, lie-a-bed," demanded the old woman. "Six o'clock and the dirty waiting, and the butter not made. A pretty farmer's wife you'll make at this rate."

"I'll be down in five minutes," called a clear young voice, and the head was withdrawn.

"The girl of the churchyard!" exclaimed the watcher. "And not dumb!" But how comes she here I wonder?"

As speculation was not likely to be satisfactory, he opened the gate and walked up the path. The old woman turned at the sound of steps and faced the intruder with some surprise.

"What's your business, sir?" she asked brusquely.

He made no answer, only lifted the felt hat from his head and looked at her. As she met his eyes she coloured like a girl, and she began to tremble.

"It's—it's Mark!" she gasped.

"Yes, mother—it's Mark."

His voice was gentle—almost deprecating. He stood still and held out his hands. With a strange cry she threw herself into his arms.

"Oh! Mark, Mark!" she sobbed. "After all these years and never a word! And father's given thee up for dead. His bedridden now, and helpless. 'Twas an cruel fate to lose thee so long."

A sob broke the incoherent words. She drew herself away and wiped her eyes.

"I heard of that," he said gently. "I saw it in a newspaper. And then I thought I'd come home and see if you wanted me. The world is a cold place after home. I—don't suppose you're glad to see me, mother, but perhaps I can help you a bit. I'm not the ne'er-do-weel I was."

"I'm glad of that. But why didn't I see you or come these long years?"

"I thought you would not care; and it was best to put the old life quite away. But it could not be done, you see. At drew me back in spite of myself and now—may I see father?"

"He's to bed still. He can't get up without help. I have to tend him like a child."

"Poor mother! Your troubles seem endless."

"I've had someone to lighten them a bit, she said softly. "Your uncle Amos died, and his girl came to me. There was thought for her and no one to give her shelter. 'Twas a year ago just after John died, and she's been a daughter to me ever since."

"He half smiled. So this was Mavis—was it. Mavis of the churchyard and the yarrow. The winsome shy creature he had surprised in that girlish superstition."

He wondered where she slept and dreamt as the charm dictated. And had it worked out properly and shown her the vision of her future lover?"

He followed his mother into the house and gazed sadly and wistfully at the low ceiling and old parlour, this worn furniture, the old clock ticking in its accustomed place. How quiet it all seemed! Its world-forgotten stillness expressed him with memories of boyhood and adolescence youth. A life-time seemed centred in these ten years of absence. He felt old and weary and sad as he stood there and remembered past days. And while he stood and looked and remembered, a light step sounded on the stairs, the door opened and a girl came in.

She started on seeing a stranger, and he watched the colour come and go in her cheek and the surprise, and then the recognition in her eyes and a smile touched his lips.

"I hope," he said, "you have found your voice?"

Her conclusion increased and out of pity he played the part of spokesman. "Do you know that we are cousins?" he asked. "I never heard of your existence till a few moments ago, but I suppose you knew you had a cousin, Mark? Ah! you have found your voice. Yes, I am that unhappy individual home from my wanderings at last. And you are Mavis—why you must have been in your cradle when I left home."

She smiled the hesitation before those two words and memory threw a lightning flash on stories none too credible concerning the runaway.

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LONDON	STENTOR	Brit. str.	2 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 21st January.
LONDON	IDOMENEUS	Brit. str.	2 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 4th February.
LIVERPOOL DIRECT	AXAJ	Brit. str.	2 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 18th February.
LIVERPOOL DIRECT	IKION	Brit. str.	2 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 4th March.
LIVERPOOL DIRECT	PATROCLUS	Brit. str.	2 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th January.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, V. SPORE, &c.	KANALUS	Brit. str.	2 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 15th February.
YOKOHAMA, LONDON & ANTWERP, V. SPORE, &c.	YAKAMA MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.	J. B. Macmillan	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 27th inst., at Daylight.
YOKOHAMA, LONDON & ANTWERP, V. SPORE, &c.	KONIG ALBERT	Ger. str.	2 m.	C. Polack	MELCHERS & CO.	On 25th inst., at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SERBIA	Ger. str.	2 m.	Brehmer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 24th inst.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG	NUERNBERG	Ger. str.	2 m.	Ammon	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 6th January.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	STRASSBURG	Ger. str.	2 m.	Schmidt	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 13th January.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	AMERICA	Ger. str.	2 m.	Duckstein	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 28th January.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	C. FERD. LAEISZ	Ger. str.	2 m.	Fuchs	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 12th February.
TRIESTE VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	AUSTRIA	Aus. str.	2 m.	Fellner	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 26th February.
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL	LENNOX	Brit. str.	2 m.		DODWELL & CO. LIMITED	To-day, 10 P.M.
NEW YORK	ACALA	Brit. str.	1 m.		SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	On 21st inst.
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	ATLANTIA	Ger. str.	2 h.	Wagner	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On or about 17th inst.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	TARTAR	Brit. str.	2 h.	H. Pybus, R.N.	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On or about 20th inst.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	TACOMA	Brit. str.	2 h.	E. Beetham	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	To-day, at Noon.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	IYO MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.	A. Dixon	DODWELL & CO. LIMITED	On 29th January.
VICTORIA (B.C.), SEATTLE & TACOMA	PAKINGO	Brit. str.	2 m.	S. J. G. Parsons	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 21st inst.
PORTLAND OREGON	INDRAVELLI	Brit. str.	2 m.	W. E. Craven, R.N.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 30th inst., at 4 P.M.
SAN DIEGO, &c. VIA MOUL, &c.	THYRA	Brit. str.	2 m.		DODWELL & CO. LIMITED	On or about 18th inst.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	TAIYUAN	Brit. str.	2 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 28th inst.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.	E. W. Haswell	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	ARLIS	Jap. str.	2 m.	St. John George	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On 3rd Jan., at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	MARIA VALERIE	Aus. str.	2 m.	Berberovich	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 5th January, at Noon.
YOKOHAMA	FAUSANG	Jap. str.	2 m.	Mitchell	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	To-morrow, P.M.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KAWACHI MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.	J. S. Thompson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 21st inst., at 3 P.M.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.	A. E. Moses	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 24th inst., at Daylight.
MOI	DEVONSHIRE	Brit. str.	2 m.		NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 20th inst., at Noon.
CHINKIANG	WUHU	Brit. str.	2 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow.
SHANGHAI	WHAMPOA	Brit. str.	2 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th inst.
FOOCHOW VIA SWATOW & AMOY	ANPING MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.	A. L. Valentini	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 21st inst.
ANPING VIA SWATOW & AMOY	MAIDZURU MARU	Jap. str.	1 m.	K. Sudzuki	MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA	To-day.
TAMUO VIA SWATOW & AMOY	DAIWIN MARU	Jap. str.	1 m.	T. Saito	MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA	On 25th inst.
SEBU & ILOILO	KAIFONG	Brit. str.	2 h.	T. Ogata	MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA	On 22nd inst.
ILOILO	ANTONIO MACLEOD	Brit. str.	1 m.	Hodgins	DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO.	On 20th inst., at Daylight.
MANILA	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	1 m.	Ugarte	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 21st inst.
MANILA	TAIYUAN	Brit. str.	2 m.	A. Ramsay	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	On 20th inst., at 4 P.M.
MANILA	LOONGSANG	Brit. str.	2 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at Noon.
MANILA	SUNGKIANG	Brit. str.	2 m.	Weigall	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	To-day.
BOMBAY DIRECT	INDUMI MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.	M. J. Currow	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 23rd inst., at 3 P.M.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
Dec. 16, ANTONIO MACLEOD, American str., 882, Uganda, Cebu 12th December, General—BRANDAO & CO.
Dec. 16, YALE OF DOON, British barge, 660, 17, P. M. P. P. P. 18th November, Timber—SANDER, WIELER & CO.
Dec. 16, WARFIELD, British str., 2,099, James, Patis, Philadelphia 12th Dec., Petroleum—STANDARD OIL CO.
Dec. 17, ABEATON APCAR, British str., 2,879, E. Fey, Calcutta via Straits 10th Dec., General—D. SASSON, SONS & CO.
Dec. 17, CHOTANG, British str., 1,194, G. H. Bowker, Shanghai 13th Dec. and Swatow 16th, General—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.
Dec. 17, FUSADA, North str., 640, C. Bergh, Cardiff 24th Oct., Coals—BLACKHEAD & CO.
Dec. 17, HANS MEZELL, German str., 1,694, Nobing, Canton 17th Dec., General—B. A. TRADING CO., LTD.
Dec. 17, IDZUMI MARU, Japanese str., 2,301, M. J. Currow, Shanghai 14th Dec., General—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Dec. 17, MARIA VALERIE, Austrian str., 2,648, C. Beller, Trieste 7th Nov., General—SANDER, WIELER & CO.
Dec. 17, NESS, British steamer, 1,961, Pearl, Maji 11th Dec., Cont.—M. B. KAISHA.
Dec. 17, PATROCLUS, British str., 3,547, E. G. Dickens, Singapore 11th Dec., General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Dec. 17, QUARTA, German str., 1,062, Johansen, Chinkiang 10th Dec., General—STENSSON & CO.
Dec. 17, ROBERT DICKINSON, British str., 1,331, S. McDonald, Singapore 9th Dec., Petroleum Bulk—ARMHOLD, KARBBER & CO.
Dec. 17, ROSETTA MARU, Jap. str., 2,402, N. Teto, Yokohama via Kobe and Maji, General—DODWELL & CO., LTD.
Dec. 17, YAWATA MARU, Japanese str., 2,366, A. E. Moses, Melbourne 20th Dec., General—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
17th December.
Etes, German str., for Hongkong.
Flaudia, German str., for Canton.
Hatching, British str., for Swatow.
Lotos, Spanish str., for Manila.
Lokang, British str., for Shanghai.
Phosang, German str., for Bangkok.
Taishan, British str., for Amoy.

DEPARTURES.

17th December.
Etes, German str., for Hongkong.
Flaudia, German str., for Canton.
Hatching, British str., for Swatow.
Lotos, Spanish str., for Manila.
Lokang, British str., for Shanghai.
Phosang, German str., for Bangkok.
Taishan, British str., for Amoy.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

17th December.
ABERDEEN DOCKS—Seneca.
KOWLOON DOCKS—Canton River, H. J. Albrecht, Tacoma, U.S.S. Princeton, Saturna, Huc, S.M.S. Iltis, S.M.S. Tiger, Emma Lykken, Hongkong, Pearl, Hongkong Maru.
COSMOPOLITAN DOCK—Taidong, Yuen-sang.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Arratoon Apcar, from Calcutta via Straits 10th inst., had strong head wind and sea throughout the passage.
The British steamer Warfield, from Philadelphia 12th Oct., had heavy N.W. gale and high cross sea between lat. 10 and 13 N. and long. 111 and 112 E.
The British steamer Patroclus, from Singapore 11th inst., had light and moderate northerly winds to about lat. 8 N.; strong monsoon and heavy sea up to about lat. 19 N. Had strong breeze for 12 hours on approaching Hongkong.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's New Steamship

"ZAFIRO."

Captain A. Ramsay, will be despatched for the above port TO-DAY, the 18th inst., at Noon.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the excellent accommodation provided by this steamer. She is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1901. [3167]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, CALCUTTA, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, PUEB AND TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to the Brazils, to SOUTH AFRICA, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, VENICE and ADRIATIC PORTS.)

THE Company's Steamship

"AUSTRIA."

Captain Fellner, will be despatched as above TO-DAY, the 18th December, P.M.

The Steamer has magnificent accommodation for Passengers. Electric light. A Doctor is carried.

For information as to Passage and Freight apply to SANDER, WIELER & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1901. [2915]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"MARIA VALERIE."

Captain Berberovich, will leave for the above places TO-MORROW, the 19th inst., P.M.

The steamer has capital accommodation for Passengers. Electric light. A Doctor is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SANDER, WIELER & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1901. [6]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Company's Steamship

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMSHIPS.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"GLENROY."

Captain Forbes Selby, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 20th December.

For Freight, apply to McGREGOR BROS. & GOW.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1901. [3025]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"FAUSANG."

Captain Mitchell, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 21st inst., at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1901. [3203]

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, &c. CHUSAN, C. L. Daniel, Noon, 21st. See Special Advertisement.

SHANGHAI, BENAL, A. L. Valentini, About 21st. Freight or Passage.

LONDON, JATA, G. W. Gordon, R.N., Noon, 18th. Freight or Passage.

For MARSHILLES, PLYMOUTH, ORIENTAL, 5,284 Tons, 29th March. WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT, MALTA, 6,064 Tons, 12th April.

For Further Particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 11th November, 1901.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS.

LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE. N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through bills of lading for the principal places in Russia.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS. SAILING DATES.

KONIG ALBERT, WEDNESDAY, 25th December.

PRINZESS HEINE, WEDNESDAY, 25th Jan., 1902.

PRINZ HEINRICH, WEDNESDAY, 22nd Jan., 1902.

PREUSSEN, WEDNESDAY, 22nd Feb., 1902.

HAMBURG, WEDNESDAY, 16th Feb., 1902.

SACHSEN, WEDNESDAY, 16th Mar., 1902.

KLAUSCHOU, WEDNESDAY, 2nd Apr., 1902.

BAIERN, WEDNESDAY, 16th Apr., 1902.

STUTTGART, WEDNESDAY, 30th Apr., 1902.

KONIG ALBERT, WEDNESDAY, 14th May, 1902.

PRINZESS HEINE, WEDNESDAY, 28th May, 1902.

PREUSSEN, WEDNESDAY, 11th June, 1902.

HAMBURG, WEDNESDAY, 25th June, 1902.

Steamers of the Hamburg-Amerika Linie. Calling at Amsterdam.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 25th day of December, 1901, at Noon, the Steamship "KONIG ALBERT" of the Norddeutscher Lloyd, Capt. C. Polack, with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIFIC and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, CALLING AT NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on MONDAY, the 23rd December, Cargo and Sp. etc. will be received on Board until 5 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 24th December, and Parcel will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon on TUESDAY, the 24th December.

Contracts of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50; and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid accommodation, and carries a Doctor and Stewards.

Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & CO., AGENTS.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1901.

PORTLAND & ASIATIC A SHIP CO.

SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA, FOR PORTLAND, OREGON.

OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH THE OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO.

STEAMSHIP TONS CAPTAIN HONGKONG.

"INDRAVELLI" 4,899 Tons, W. E. Craven, R.N., December 26, 1901.

"INDRAPURA" 4,899 Tons, A. E. Hollingsworth, January 13, 1902.

"KNIGHT COMPANION" 4,111 Tons, C. E. Froggatt, R.N., February 13, 1902.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to ALLAN CAMERON, GENERAL AGENT.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1901. [3150]

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE. NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

OSTASIATISCHER FRACHTDAMPFER DIENST.

Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COPENHAGEN, LISBON, Oporto, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS in the LEVANT, BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS, NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STREAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
SERBIA	HAVRE & HAMBURG	On 21st Dec. Freight
Capt. Dreher	(Calling at Singapore and Colombo)	
NUERNBERG	HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG	On 8th Jan. Freight
Capt. Ammon	(Calling at Singapore and Penang)	
STRASSBURG	HAVRE & HAMBURG	On 19th Jan. Freight
Capt. Madson	(Calling at Singapore and Colombo)	
SAMBIA	HAVRE & HAMBURG	On 28th Jan. Freight
Capt. Schmidt	(Calling at Singapore and Penang)	
AMERICA	HAVRE & HAMBURG	On 12th Feb. Freight
Capt. Duckstein	(Calling at Singapore and Colombo)	
C. FERD. LAEISZ	HAVRE & HAMBURG	On 26th Feb. Freight
Capt. Fuchs	(Calling at Singapore and Penang)	
ATHEMIA	NEW YORK	About 20th Dec. Freight
Capt. Wagner	(via Suez Canal)	

For Further Particulars, apply to HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, HONGKONG OFFICE, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, No. 1.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN, AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C.

SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.

"Empress" Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse-Power—Speed 19 knots.

SAVING THREE TO SEVEN DAYS ACROSS THE PACIFIC.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(Subject to Alteration.)

"EMPEROR OF JAPAN" Comdr. H. Pybus, R.N., WEDNESDAY, 18th Dec., 1901.

"EMPEROR OF CHINA" Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N., WEDNESDAY, 15th Jan., 1902.

"TARTAR" Comdr. E. Beetham, R.N., WEDNESDAY, 29th Jan., 1902.

"EMPEROR OF INDIA" Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N., WEDNESDAY, 12th Feb., 1902.

"ATHENIAN" Comdr. H. Mowat, WEDNESDAY, 26th Feb., 1902.

THE magnificent TWIN-SCREW STEAMSHIPS of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA to VAN COUVEER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PACIFIC OVERLAND TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers Book

VESSELS ON THE BERTH
OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

OUTWARDS.		
FROM	STEAMERS	DATE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"STENTOR"	On 24th December.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MEMNON"	On 24th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"IDOMENEUS"	On 24th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TANTALUS"	On 18th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"AJAX"	On 24th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PYRREUS"	On 31st January.
HOMEWARDS.		
LONDON	"GLAUCUS"	On 24th December.
LONDON	"DEUCALION"	On 21st January.
LONDON	"PELEUS"	On 21st January.
LONDON	"STENTOR"	On 18th February.
LONDON	"IDOMENEUS"	On 4th March.
LONDON	"AJAX"	On 18th December.
LIVERPOOL DIRECT	"IXION"	On 20th January.
LIVERPOOL DIRECT	"PATROCLUS"	On 20th January.
LIVERPOOL DIRECT	"TANTALUS"	On 15th February.

For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS O. S. S. Co.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO.,
LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL.
MANILA	"TAIYUAN"	On 18th December.
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"TAIYUAN"	On 18th December.
MOI	"DEVONSHIRE"	On 19th December.
CHINKIANG	"WUHU"	On 20th December.
CEBU and ILOILO	"KAIPOH"	On 21st December.
SHANGHAI	"WILAMPOA"	On 21st December.
MANILA	"SUNGKIANG"	On 23rd December.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to—

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 18th November, 1901.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVING
TAMBU, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"DAIJI MARU"	SUNDAY, 22nd December.
TAMBU, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"DAIJI MARU"	SUNDAY, 29th December.
FOOCHOW, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"K. KITANO"	December.
ANPING, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"ANPING MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 18th December.
	"MAIDZU MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 25th December.

The Co's new Steamers are specially designed for the coast trade of South China and Formosa, and are fitted with all modern improvements. Excellent accommodation is provided for first-class passengers, and a duly qualified doctor is carried.

All Steamers carry the Imperial Japanese Mail, subject to periodical inspection by the Government Marine Surveyors, and are registered the highest class at Lloyd's.

Steamers will go alongside the Co's Pontoon at the Customs' water-front premises at Tsimst to land all passengers and cargo.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

For Freight, Passage, and further information, apply to
THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
Agents.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1901.

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE TO VICTORIA (B.C.), SEATTLE AND TACOMA (WASH.).

Calling at SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"PAKING," 4,446 Tons, is due here on 17th inst., and will be despatched on or about the 18th inst.

For Rates of Freight and Further Particulars, apply to

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1901.

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATCHESON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILROAD CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO AND SAN FRANCISCO.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN PORTS AND HONOLULU.

THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA &c.

S.S. "THYRA" On 23rd December.

THE Steamship "THYRA" will be despatched for SAN DIEGO and SAN FRANCISCO via MOI, KOBE, and YOKOHAMA on THURSDAY, the 26th December.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until the same time. All parcels should be marked to address in full. Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Diego, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Diego.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, China and Japan.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1901.

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS in CHINA and JAPAN for the above Line are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS OF LADING for all the principal ports in SOUTH AFRICA, in connection with the CHINA STRAITS NAVIGATION CO.'s fortnightly service hence to CALCUTTA. Sailings from CALCUTTA for CAPT. PETERS every fortnight.

For Freight and further particulars, apply to

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
General Agents for China and Japan.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1897.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE. (Calling at Port Darwin and Queensland Ports, and taking through cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship

"AIRLIE," Captain St. John George, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 9th January, 1902, at Noon.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

The Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from Australia are available for return by the steamers of the China Navigation Company and vice versa.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1901.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA. (FLORENCE & RUBATTONI UNITED COMPANIES).

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM BOMBAY AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"BORMIDA," having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, whence delivery may be obtained. Perishable Goods to be taken delivery of immediately.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate obtained from the Godown Company, within seven days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 18th instant, will be subject to rent.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID, SUEZ, TRINCOMALEE AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 10 A.M. TO-DAY, 16th inst.

Goods not cleared by the 22nd instant, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognised.

E. A. HEWITT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1901.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"PELEUS,"

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., in both cases it will be at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 17th inst.

Optional cargo, will be landed unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

Goods undelivered after the 21st instant will be subject to rent. All damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns, when they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 23rd instant.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1901.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "OLYMPIA," FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, MOI, AND SHANGHAI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from the Godowns.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

BODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1901.

PORTLAND AND ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "INDRAVELLI."

FROM PORTLAND (OR.) YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from the Godowns.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

ALLAN CAMERON,
General Agent.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1901.

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "BENGLOE," FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 21st inst., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 31st inst., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 21st inst., at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1901.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London and Havre, ex s.s. *Canabodge*, and Bordeaux, ex s.s. *Ville de Rochefort*, in connection with above Steamers, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignee before 4 P.M. TO-DAY, the 16th inst., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned, Goods remaining undelivered after MONDAY, the 23rd inst., at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 23rd inst., or they will not be recognised.

All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 23rd inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. DE CHAMPAMORIN,
Acting Agent.

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NOTICE.

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Measures, LAU KUK CHAU and IP LAN CHUEN have this day been appointed COMPTROLLER to my Firm, and are responsible for all future dealings.

A. M. ESSABHOY,
Hongkong, 13th December, 1901.

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